First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost

A special welcome to those visiting with us today!
We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful.
When you see an asterisk *, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.
Children are welcome in worship! A nursery is also available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE — *Adagio and Bourée* from *Sonata in G Major* — Georg Frideric Handel
John L. Edwards, chromatic whistle and Warren Puffer Jones, harpsichord

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
DEACON'S MOMENT — Lindsey Wallace

CHIME

INTROIT — *Give Thanks to the Lord* — Marina Quintanilla
Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Keep silence before the Lord God!
People: The day of the Lord is at hand.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 612 — *We Praise You, O God* — KREMSER

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) — Larry Nichols

You, O God, are our dwelling-place from generation to generation, our shield from anguish and distress. You arm us as children of light with the hope of salvation, and you protect us by your love. Give us grace to build up and encourage one another, as we seek wisdom and abundant life in the strength of your Word and the assurance of your Spirit. Amen.

We Praise You, O God 612



The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
MUSIC: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck,* 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
12.11.12.11
(this tune in a lower key, 336)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that you have entrusted us with immense gifts, opportunities, and grace. Yet, we admit that we so often act like the fearful servant. Forgive us when we bury our talents out of fear of failure, judgment, or the unknown. Forgive us for hoarding our resources, time, and love, rather than investing them in your Kingdom. Forgive us for comparing ourselves to others, and for making excuses rather than taking risks for the Gospel. Lord, transform our hearts so that we may be faithful and courageous stewards of your bounty. Give us the grace to step out in faith, trusting that you are with us.
(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we are called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME Children are invited forward for a special message. Cyndi Lockwood
Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream image;
those on the floor facing the steps will not.

Afterward, a nursery is provided in Room 119 for children four and under.
Children—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 215.
Parents may pick up children after worship from those locations.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place* K. Lee Scott

Sanctuary Singers Timothy Dudley-Smith

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God. (Ps. 90:1-2)

Our God eternal, reigning, creation's life sustaining, our refuge and our home; enthroned, in light surrounded, when earth was yet unfounded, the living God, to Him we come. We fade, a dream that passes like withered meadow grasses when summer's sun has shone. Before that face all-seeing of God, who gave us being, we pass away and we are gone. O God of mercy, hear us, in steadfast love draw near us, from age to age the same, that we, by grace defended, when earthly days are ended may live to praise a Savior's Name.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90:1-12 (pg. 547)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO *Consecration* John Ness Beck

Isaac Sides, tenor arr. Craig Courtney

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee!

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 (pg. 28)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The True Nature of Faith* Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp,* 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
BEACH SPRING
8.7.8.7.D

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Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE *Amen* DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Allegretto* from *Hamburger Sonate* Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

John L. Edwards, Baroque piccolo and Warren Puffer Jones, harpsichord

*PRESENTATION HYMN *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 249 *Because You Live, O Christ* VRUECHTEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Built On a Rock* Gilbert M. Martin

Interested in Membership?

The Session will be receiving new members in December. If you are interested in church membership or simply learning more about FPC-OKC and what membership means, please speak with Pastor John or email him at pastorjohn@fpcokc.org.

Winter Coat Drive

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter! We are collecting gently used men's coats, sizes large and up, to benefit Church Under the Bridge. Donations may be dropped off in the Narthex or Reception Center through November 29.

Give to FPC today!

SCAN ME

249 Because You Live, O Christ



This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1987
MUSIC: Dutch melody, 17th cent.; harm. Alice Parker, 1966
Text © 1987 Hope Publishing Company
Music Harm. © 1969 Hope Publishing Company

VRUECHTEN
6.11.6.11 with refrain
(alternate harmonization, 244)


ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30–10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

Sunday Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00–8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays | 9:00–11:30 a.m.

We meet in Room B-10 in the basement on Mondays from 6:00–8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Whether you've never played, are returning after a break, or just want to join a friendly bridge group, we've got a spot for you!

Contact Barbara Charlet at barbara.charlet@outlook.com or David Ligon at david.m.ligon@gmail.com for more information.

Evening Prayer Service — Wednesdays | 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evening Prayer Service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. This short worship service features sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday and helping us transition into a restful night.

After the service, we have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00–6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays | 6:30–8:00 p.m.

The choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are interested in joining, please contact Puffer Jones at puffer@fpcokc.org.

Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Our free yoga class is available weekly on Wednesdays! Angela Rose leads the hour-long class in the Rec Room in the basement. All skill levels are welcome.

Hanging of the Greens — Sunday, November 22 | 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we hang greenery around the church in preparation for the Advent season! All ages are invited to participate. Pizza will be provided.

More Events on Back

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship — Wednesday, November 25
Dinner at 5:45 p.m. | Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Gather with us on Wednesday, November 25, for our Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship. Dinner will be served in Watchorn Hall at 5:45 p.m., followed by worship in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the classic sides as we gather in gratitude and fellowship. Come share in this meaningful evening of food, faith, and thanksgiving!

ADVENTure — Sunday, November 29 | 12:00 p.m.

Kick off the Advent season with our annual ADVENTure! Make an Advent wreath with fresh greens, and we'll provide the candles needed for weekly candle lighting throughout the season.

Children and youth will also have a Christmas painting opportunity and take part in a Christmas scavenger hunt around the church. Lunch will be provided. Come celebrate the beginning of Advent with us!

Memorial Ornament Tree Service — Sunday, November 29 | 2:00 p.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary for a special service honoring the memory of loved ones who have died and celebrating the love that continues to connect us. You are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a loved one to hang on our memorial tree during the service.

The tree will remain in the Sanctuary through Christmas, after which ornaments will be available to take home. Together, we will give thanks for those we love and celebrate the hope we have in God's eternal love.

Christmas Food Boxes
Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Help The Urban Mission prepare Christmas Food Boxes for families in our community!

- On Friday, December 4, volunteers are needed to set up the assembly line and prepare boxes.
- On Saturday, December 5, volunteers will pack 260 food boxes and hygiene bags.

Contact Jim Tack (jtack@robertsonwilliams.com) to RSVP or for more information.